

**WELLESLEY FARMS RAILROAD STATION  
AND  
INDIAN SPRINGS PARK**

The Wellesley Farms Railroad Station is located in the northeast corner of the Town. It is an active commuter railroad station in a quiet, wooded residential neighborhood. The history of the station and the surrounding area is rich and makes this an interesting place to visit.

**1. THE WELLESLEY FARMS RAILROAD STATION**

The station building was commissioned by the Boston and Albany Railroad in 1885. It was designed by the architect H. H. Richardson and the 4.02 acres of grounds were laid out by the landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. The station and grounds are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Town is currently looking for recommendations for the re-use of this attractive and historically important station building.

The design of railroad stations from this period typically stressed simplicity and convenience. Richardson's designs also stressed strength, function and unity with the site, illustrated here by the sweeping roof and stone walls. The stations were to be neat and easy to maintain. The pond at Wellesley Farms is an unusual feature. It probably would have been filled by most railroad companies except Olmsted retained it. The result was a unique and visually pleasing railroad station that was heralded internationally.

**2. SQUIRREL ROAD**

Squirrel Road is a designated scenic road under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this designation is to protect the trees and stone walls along picturesque country roads. Because of Squirrel Road's designation, any work done on the road which might affect the trees or stone walls requires notification to the Planning Board and a public hearing.

**3. THE COCHITUATE AQUEDUCT PATH**

The aqueduct runs below the ground through the Town of Wellesley. It was constructed by the MDC in 1849 for supplying Boston with water from Lake Cochituate. The aqueduct was abandoned in 1963 and was deeded to the Town of Wellesley for utilities, drainage and electrical transmission. The surface of the aqueduct is maintained as a walking path which connects to other walking trails throughout the Town. From the path, the land slopes steeply away to the Indian Springs Brook which is also located on Town owned land.

**4. INDIAN SPRINGS PARK**

From Squirrel Road and the railroad tracks down Hillside Road, Indian Springs Brook is protected by 4.9 acres of Park and Conservation land. The brook takes a 90° turn into the historical area known as the Waterway.

**5. THE WATERWAY - THE BROOKWAY**

Around the turn of the century, a developer decided to feature Indian Springs Brook to make a model subdivision. The developer paved the banks with brick, but he went bankrupt before a single house was built. Today, the road beside this brick-lined brook is known as the Brookway and is a designated scenic road. In the 1600's, this area was part of an important Indian camping ground and in recognition of this, the Yotz meadow nearby is called Coowate to memorialize the Indian settlement.